

Docket No. RSW920010020US1

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

**IMPROVED USER INTERFACE USING SPEECH GENERATION TO ANSWER  
CELLULAR PHONES**

5 A method, computer program product, and system for  
answering a wireless telephone is provided. In one  
embodiment, the wireless telephone receives an incoming  
call and then determines whether the user has placed the  
phone in automatic call answering mode. If it is  
determined that automatic call answering has been  
10 selected by a user, then the phone answers the incoming  
call by providing the calling party with an indication  
that the user will take the call momentarily, such as by  
sending a voice message indicating that the user is busy  
but will take the call momentarily and instructing the  
15 calling party to not hang up. The phone also places  
itself into mute mode until the user has taken the  
incoming call to prevent the calling party from  
overhearing conversations that may be taking place around  
the user until the user has determined that it is  
20 convenient to take the phone call. In other embodiments,  
the wireless telephone allows the user to carry on  
conversations without speaking through selection of  
appropriate prerecorded or generated phrases.

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